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1. EMBOFFS MET WITH AMBASSADOR JORGE DEL CAMPO (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS) JUNE 25 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO RIO TREATY AND UPCOMING SAN JOSE CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR DEL CAMPO RESPONDED TO U.S. VIEWS AS OUTLINED REFTTEL IN FOLLOWING MANNER:

2. IT IS STRANGE THAT THE U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT ARTICLE 3 AND ITS CLEAR APPLICABILITY TO ARMED ATTACKS FROM OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE. THE PROPOSED ARTICLE 3 AMENDMENT ACTUALLY STRENGTHENS THAT PORTION DEALING WITH ATTACK FROM EXTRA-CONTINENTAL ORIGIN. MEASURES TAKEN IN ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 3 ARE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH" PARAGRAPH 1 WHICH STATES THAT AN ATTACK AGAINST ONE IS AN ATTACK AGAINST ALL. FURTHERMORE, ARTICLE 3, PARAGRAPH 4 GOES BEYOND ORIGINAL TREATY BY INCLUDING, IN CASE OF ARMED ATTACK OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL ORIGIN, THE PROVISION FOR JOINT ACTION AT THE U.N. PERU, WHICH CONSIDERS RIO TREATY A REGIONAL SECURITY AGREEMENT AND NOT AN ALLIANCE, HAD PREFERRED TO ELIMINATE ANY MENTION OF OUTSIDE ATTACK. IT IS STILL THERE. THEREFORE, U.S. CONCERN OVER AN ALREADY STRENGTHENED

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ARTICLE 3 IS PERPLEXING.

3. ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY, DEL CAMPO AGREED THAT THE TERM "INTEGRAL ECONOMIC SECURITY" IS INTERNALLY INCONSISTENT IN OAS CONTEXT. PERU'S POSITION IS THAT THE RIO TREATY SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO MILITARY AND POLITICAL SECURITY BUT SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR OTHER MECHANISMS OR AGREEMENTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC SECURITY. PEACE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED THROUGH MILITARY AND POLITICAL EFFORTS ALONE. ECONOMIC MEASURES ARE ALSO NECESSARY; THUS PERU SPEAKS OF INTEGRAL SECURITY WHICH ENCOMPASSES MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC GUARANTEES WHICH WOULD INTER ALIA PROVIDE THAT "CONDITIONS OF DEVELOPMENT" SHOULD NOT BE LATERED DUE TO POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH MIGHT ARISE BETWEEN NATIONS. THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL FOR ONE SECURITY TREATY WAS NOT ACCEPTED BUT PERU CONSIDERS THAT THE RIO TREATY MUST AT LEAST REFER TO A SEPARATE ECONOMIC TREATY. DEL CAMPO SAID IT MIGHT TAKE 10 YEARS TO APPROVE SUCH A TREATY BUT A BEGINNING SHOULD BE MADE.

4. ON ARTICLE 17 DEL CAMPO WELCOMED U.S. VIEW THAT A MAJORITY VOTE TO LIFT SANCTIONS WOULD CORRECT OBVIOUS FLAW IN TREATY, BUT HE EXPRESSED WHAT HE TERMED "PERSONAL CONCERN" THAT UNLESS U.S. ACTIVELY LOBBIED FOR CHANGE, THE OAS MIGHT WELL FAIL TO SECURE 2/3 MAJORITY NECESSARY TO EFFECT CHANGE. DEL CAMPO FELT THAT BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY MIGHT COMBINE VOTES TO PREVENT CHANGE. THIS WOULD BE SERIOUS BLOW TO ALREADY AILING OAS AND U.S. SHOULD WORK TO PREVENT IT.
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